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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6886 NOTE PREPARED: Jan 16, 2004 **BILL NUMBER:** SB 262 **BILL AMENDED:** Jan 15, 2005

SUBJECT: Tuition Rates for State Universities.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kenley BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation</u>: (Amended) This bill provides that a state higher education institution may increase the tuition and mandatory fees for an undergraduate student by not more than 3% each year for four academic years (for four-year schools) or two academic years (for Ivy Tech and Vincennes) following the academic year in which the student first enrolls in the institution. It requires a state higher education institution to set tuition and mandatory fees for the following academic year and notify the Budget Committee of the rates set before December 1 of each year.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Commission for Higher Education could incur some additional expenditures in defining what fees are mandatory. The expense would probably be minor and would be paid from their current appropriation.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) The bill states that beginning with the 2005-06 academic year, the tuition charged and mandatory fees for an undergraduate student may not be increased by more than 3% for the four consecutive academic years, two years for Ivy Tech State College and Vincennes University, following the academic year in which the student first enrolls. The bill would reduce future revenue options or funding sources universities currently have available since they would not be able to increase tuition or mandatory fees by more than 3% for returning students. The impact would depend on the action of the universities. The universities might offset the possible further revenue reduction by reducing expenditures, raising or inflating tuition and fees of incoming students to offset anticipated expenditure increases, or increasing revenue from nontuition sources. Nontuition sources could include grants, student fees, or donations.

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Background Information: For the 2003-04 academic year, returning Indiana students had a 5% or less increase in tuition. The average increase in tuition and required fees for first-time entry Indiana students was 14%.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Universities; Commission on Higher Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

<u>Information Sources:</u> Postsecondary Education Tuition and Required Fees in Indiana:2003-04 by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

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